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Sailors get reprieve on Bahrain COLA cut

U.S. military personnel stationed in Bahrain received a 90-day reprieve this past week, after defense officials postponed plans to slash the cost-of-living allowance in Bahrain by as much as 45 percent.

Plans to pare down the allowance in Bahrain called for a two-phased reduction, the first cut to occur May 1 and the second in August. Servicemembers stood to lose hundreds of dollars a month as a result.

"Certainly people here are pleased," Cmdr. Gordon Hume, a Navy spokesman in Bahrain, said.

Hume said officials from the Washington, D.C.-based Per Diem and Allowance Committee are re-evaluating the cost of living standards for thousands of servicemembers and their families stationed in Bahrain.

"The per diem folks are taking a look at the living expenses that people realize here in Bahrain to ensure — if they take a cut in the COLA — that any adjustment will properly reflect the economic conditions that people who live here are faced with," Hume said.

U.S. forces stationed in Bahrain do most of their shopping in local stores,

since the base's only store, a small shoppette, has a very limited selection of food and clothing. Historically, servicemembers stationed in Bahrain who shop in town have had to pay two to three times what they would usually pay for items found at overseas commissaries and exchanges. The cost-of-living allowance is meant to offset the extra costs, and varies from sailor to sailor depending on rank, dependent status and time in service.

An E-4 stationed in Bahrain with four years of service and no dependents would typically earn \$350 to \$400 a month in COLA. An E-7 with 15 years of service and three dependents would typically earn \$650 to \$700 a month in COLA.

A recent review of retail prices in Bahrain, however, indicated the cost of living in Bahrain had decreased, and as a result, the per diem committee decided the COLA should likewise decrease. The aforementioned E-4 stood to lose as much as \$160 to \$180, while the E-7 stood to lose \$290 to \$315 in COLA per month.

"We were pretty upset about the cuts," said one sailor who asked not to be identified.

Clinton says he'll put free trade on fast track

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — The hemisphere's 34 democracies charted plans for a free-trade zone from Alaska to Cape Horn on Saturday and reached agreements on education, drugs and human rights.

At the second Summit of the Americas, the United States also held fast to its insistence that Cuba continue to be excluded from such gatherings — even as it was announced that Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien would go to Cuba later this month to meet Fidel Castro.

President Clinton, who came to Santiago without the fast-track trade authority he needs to finish the job of hemispheric free trade by 2005, pledged to redouble his efforts to get it passed through Congress.

"I assure you that our commitment ... will be in the fast lane of our concerns," Clinton said, brushing aside his inability to win support for the initiative from U.S. lawmakers, particularly from his own Democratic party.

But the other nations, while sympathetic to Clinton's plight, were forging ahead, with or without the United States. "We are not starting from zero," Chilean President Eduardo Frei told the summit meeting. He cited free-trade pacts rapidly being forged among Latin American neighbors.

Contestants go buggy during competitions

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Parents usually discourage their children from putting bugs in their mouths.

But not at Purdue University's annual Bug Bowl, where you can't compete in the cricket spitting contest without popping a few of the chirpers.

Gayle Seals watched proudly Saturday as her 11-year-old son, Dan, made it into the Junior Men's Cricket Spitting Championship Round by spitting a dead cricket nearly 14 feet.

"He has more guts than I do," she said. The purpose of this yearly entomological extravaganza is to foster a world where people embrace insects rather than step on them.

"One of our goals is to get people to better appreciate the roles of insects in nature," said Tom Turpin, a Purdue entomology professor and co-founder of the Bug Bowl.

"They're our recyclers. If it wasn't for these things we'd have dead trees all over, dead animals on the sides of the road, all sorts of problems."

Dressed in coat tails with ladybug buttons and a top hat covered with colorful insects, Turpin is a man who stands by his bugs.

Nine years ago he decided to have an out-of-class activity where his students could actually see, touch and enjoy insects. A radio station got wind of the bug day and about 200 people showed up. Since then it's been an annual event.

U.S. weapons find new life in world's hot spots

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite laws aimed at curbing international weapons trafficking, the Clinton administration has discovered that the United States has almost no control over the flow of guns once they reach Europe, The New York Times reported today.

Thousands of semiautomatic American pistols and rifles sold to European arms dealers in the last few years have ended up in Rwanda, the former Yugoslavia, Algeria and Turkey, the paper reported, citing American and European law enforcement officials they did not identify.

The weapons also found their way to organized crime syndicates, the paper said, and there are indications some U.S. firearms got to Iraq and Iran.

The United States is on the verge of revoking all outstanding licenses for firearms exports to British companies, the paper said.

After meetings earlier this year of the so-called Group of Seven subgroup on firearms, the American Embassy there told the White House that the United States "should be concerned that firearms are not remaining in the countries for which they are licensed."

American law requires foreign purchasers of firearms and military equipment to sign a statement that they will not re-export the items without the authorization of the State Department,

England floods leave many awash in difficulties

By Stars and Stripes

ALCONBURY, England — When Jeanne Kerr drove off to church from her Alconbury village home at 7:20 p.m. April 9, a heavy rain was falling — a common occurrence in England.

But just an hour later, the road leading to her house had flooded, thanks to a stream flowing through the picturesque village that swelled with rain and overran its banks.

Kerr, an employee of City Colleges of Chicago at RAF Alconbury, was forced to park her car some distance away and wade through the water to her two-story home.

"Honey, I think it's going to flood," Kerr remembered telling her husband, Ralph, as the water lapped against the house's front stoop.

A week later, the hum of as many as four dehumidifiers murmurs through the Kerr's house around the clock. The carpets had to be ripped out, and Jeanne Kerr wears sandals to walk on the now-bare cement floors on the first floor.

The family's antique furniture stands on wooden blocks in the dining room to protect it from water that seeped into the house through its foundation. Floor boards from the kitchen have been removed. A small corps of ants has infested the house.

And Jeanne Kerr must go through 40 boxes of belongings that had been stored in the garage, which flooded.

Sophie, the family's large cat, remains suspicious of the floor and prefers to roost atop tables — any place high enough to escape water.

"She wasn't happy at all," Jeanne Kerr said of the cat.

But the Kerrs were among the more fortunate Cambridgeshire residents. They were lucky they could measure the water level in their homes by inches instead of feet during the worst flooding the East Anglia region of England has experienced in the last century.

On Friday, five families forced from their homes by the floods remained in on-base lodging at Alconbury, according to Tech. Sgt. Phil Berube, a spokesman for the 423rd Air Base Squadron's tri-base community. At the peak of the disaster, 12 families had moved into the base hotel, he said.

The local Red Cross reported receiving one request for financial assistance in connection with the flood, Berube said.

Also on Friday, a back road used by U.S. military commuters between Alconbury and the sister bases of RAF Mildenhall and RAF Lakenheath remained blocked in parts because of continued flooding over the pavement.

It will be weeks before the Kerrs' household returns to normal.

A dank smell permeates the house. The dehumidifiers will take at least another week.

Neo-Nazi rally turns violent

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A neo-Nazi rally turned violent Saturday as protesters threw rocks and insults at the group and took chains and poles to one of the organizer's cars

Eleven members of the National Socialist Movement arrived for a noon rally in downtown St. Paul and were met by about 20 protesters chanting "No Nazis, No killers."

The protesters, who called themselves Anti-Racist Action, surrounded the neo-Nazis, spitting at them and throwing stones, while the neo-Nazis gave the fascist salute and shouted "Sieg Heil." "This is not about free speech. This is about hate speech, and they're very different things," protester Michelle Gross said.

Members of the two groups fought as the protesters chased the neo-Nazis to their cars.

One of the vehicles was pelted with rocks, and protesters smashed in its hood, windows and headlights.

About 100 members of the supremacist group had planned a weekend meeting and rally in the Minneapolis suburb of Golden Valley, but called it off after a motel canceled their reservation.

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Socialite dad booked on kidnap charges

BOSTON (AP) — A Florida lawyer returned to Massachusetts Saturday to face charges he kidnapped his daughters after a bitter divorce and hid from authorities for 19 years.

"I've had better days," said Stephen Fagan as he was whisked through a throng of reporters at Logan Airport.

Fagan, 56, was arrested Thursday at his \$1.4 million mansion in West Palm Beach, Fla., and charged with two counts each of kidnapping and parental kidnapping.

Former supervisor at the Harvard Law School legal aid bureau, Fagan allegedly abducted the children in October 1979 after they made a weekend visit to his home in Framingham. Over the years, he told them that their mother had died.

Fagan's lawyer said he will plead innocent Tuesday to all charges. Fagan took the children to protect them from an alcoholic mother, he said.

"That was just one of her problems," Fagan said Saturday before being taken to be booked.

Lawyers for Barbara Kurth denied she was an alcoholic. They said she suffered from narcolepsy, an illness that causes sudden, deep sleep.

Just after her children disappeared, Kurth told her lawyer that Fagan was a scam artist who forged checks and stole identification to obtain valuable artworks.

Kurth's attorneys said she never gave up the search for her daughters, who were 5 and 2 when they disappeared. She agonized over whether she should upset their lives when she found out earlier this year that authorities had received an anonymous tip that Fagan was living in Florida under the name Stephen Martin. Her daughters, now 23 and 21, spent most of thier lives thinking their mother died long ago in a car accident.

Kurth, who lives in Charlottesville, Va., has declined comment.

Middlesex District Attorney Thomas Reilly said there were no immediate plans for a reunion between mother and daughters because of the overwhelming and emotional turn of events.

The girls' stepmother, Harriet Martin, told the Boston Herald there would be no emotional reunion.

Four rats donate their lives to space shuttle scientists

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Columbia's astronauts conducted the most complex animal dissections ever done in orbit Saturday, removing the brains of four rats so scientists can see how the nervous system changes in weightlessness.

Scientists say the only way to know precisely how the nervous system adapts and develops without gravity is to remove and preserve body parts in orbit. The only other time animals were dissected on a space shuttle was in 1993.

By the end of Columbia's two-week Neurolab mission, 47 rodents are to be dissected, out of the total of 170 mice and rats carried into orbit Friday.

The job isn't nearly as messy in weightlessness as one might suspect.

The animals are beheaded one at a time with a tiny guillotine or given an anesthetic overdose in a sealed laboratory chamber that has glovelike openings for astronauts' hands.

Pads are folded over each animal to prevent body parts from floating away. If something does float away, an astronaut can simply reach up with gauze and grab it.

Nothing leaves the sealed chamber.

It's a two-person job, which went to Columbia's two doctors, Dave Williams and Jay Buckey Jr. Not only did they have to remove the rats' brains, they had to separate various sections of the little brains and preserve them.

Teen slaying suspect hangs himself

By Washington Post

Aaron Needle, 18, a suspect in a gruesome murder case in suburban Washington, hanged himself Saturday at the Montgomery County, Md., detention center, officials said.

Needle, who was accused with Samuel Sheinbein, 17, of killing and dismembering 19-year-old Alfredo Enrique Tello Jr., was found hanging from an air vent at 4:47 p.m. while under protective custody,

the officials said.

Sheinbein is fighting extradition from Israel, where he fled shortly after Tello's burned and limbless torso was discovered Sept. 19 in the garage of a vacant home. Efforts to bring about Sheinbein's return have involved the highest levels of both the United States and Israeli governments.

Needle's suicide came two days before jury selection was to begin in his trial.

Turbulence leaves passenger critical

From Associated Press

NEW YORK — A Boeing 747 struck some bad turbulence Saturday on a flight from Paris, injuring one passenger critically and causing minor cuts and bruises to about 28 others.

Tower Air Flight 037 landed about 2:45 p.m. at John F. Kennedy International Airport about a half-hour after hitting the turbulence over the Atlantic Ocean.

Injured passengers were taken to Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, said Alan Hicks, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Hospital officials would not provide details of the critically injured passenger.

Tower Air officials did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Accident kills skydivers

DAVIS, Calif. — Two tandem skydivers died Saturday after their parachute failed.

A female student making her first jump and a male instructor with 2,000 jumps to his record were killed when the main chute didn't open correctly and the reserve parachute got tangled in the main chute, Yolo County Sheriff's spokeswoman Laura Landeros said.

Beating trial may show country's racial imbalance

CHICAGO (AP) — When Lenard Clark was found crumpled and unconscious on a South Side street, the victim of a brutal beating, police had no doubt about the motive.

The black 13-year-old had bicycled into a mostly white neighborhood one night last spring, and the color of his skin apparently sparked an attack so violent it touched a nerve across the nation.

President Clinton asked Americans to pray for the youngster left comatose by a "savage and senseless assault driven by nothing but hate." Politicians and civil rights leaders visited his hospital bedside.

Thirteen months later, the three young white men charged with trying to kill Clark are about to go on trial in a case that dramatically underscores the nation's unresolved racial tensions.

The case may also put pressure on Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine, a close ally of Mayor Richard M. Daley, to show that justice is colorblind. Daley is up for re-election next year and any perception of unfairness at the trial could hurt his efforts to build bridges to the city's black community.

"We as Americans and Chicagoans must come out of denial - racism is real," declared the Rev. B. Herbert Martin, whose church nestles in the shadows of the housing project where Lenard and his family lived.

The scene of the beating,

Armour Square, is at the edge of Bridgeport, a neighborhood of tidy blue-collar homes that has given Chicago four mayors in 50 years — two of them named Daley.

The current mayor grew up a few blocks from the square, a shady expanse of grass and playground ringed by a neat wrought-iron fence just north of Comiskey Park.

Just across the busy Dan Ryan Expressway is another world — a mile of crumbling high-rise housing projects.

Baby-swap incident takes new twist

By Scripps Howard News Service MEMPHIS, Tenn. — New parents Bridget Thomas and fiancé Kevin Merriwether said Saturday they want to take home, and perhaps adopt, the baby boy who has lain unclaimed at **Regional Medical Center at Memphis** for a week.

They also want the baby-swap case investigated by the police department and the district attorney general.

On Easter Sunday, officials at the Regional Medical Center say they gave Thomas' baby to LaDonna Harris, 23, to take home. They gave Harris's baby to Thomas, who was still in the hospital recovering from a Cesarean section.

Hospital officials say they corrected the error by having Harris return the baby. But Harris says the baby who remains at The Med isn't her son and she won't take him home.

DNA test results are expected as early as this week to verify the maternal identities of both baby boys.

Attorney Sadler Bailey, who is rep-

resenting Harris, said the idea of anyone adopting the infant at The Med, "strikes me, quite frankly, as ridiculous because LaDonna wants her baby and one of these two babies is LaDonna's."

Thomas, 27, and Merriwether, 32, called a press conference Saturday afternoon at Greater Imani Church and Christian Center to say they wanted to care for the infant they called their own on Easter Sunday.

"We gave him love for one day. Why not for a lifetime?" Merriwether said.

"No one else has claimed that child." said Tarik Sugarmon, the couple's attorney. He added the baby needs a home, even temporarily.

"We all recognize that this baby needs to be with its mother," Bailey said. "No one appreciates that fact more than LaDonna. ... If that baby turns out to be the baby of LaDonna Harris she wants that baby. (But) she doesn't want to bond with another baby only to have it taken away from her."

Cancer claims former Carolina governor

By Washington Post

Terry Sanford, 80, a former governor of North Carolina and president of Duke University, whose career as a widely admired and respected Democratic political leader culminated with a term in the U.S. Senate, died of cancer Saturday at his home in Durham, N.C.

An amiable man, loyal to his party but known also for independent think-Sanford became known early in his career for an ability - based on both personality and principle — to achieve substantial political success in a political environment often thought uncongenial to the moderate or progressive views he espoused.

This, and his high profile leadership at Duke, attracted the interest and support of many Democrats.

Oops! Roller coaster riders get real thrill

From Associated Press

GURNEE, Ill. — Riders were trapped upside down for more than two hours Saturday when the Demon roller coaster at Six Flags Great America got stuck in a loop.

Four of the 23 riders were treated and released from area hospitals.

The train got stuck around 11 a.m. It took firefighters and park personnel more than two hours to rescue all the riders, park spokesman Scott Kirn said.

Park officials were investigating how the train got stuck, Kirn said.

The park has not opened for the season but was rented out to U.S. Steel for a party, Kirn said.

Nike protest draws 200

PORTLAND, Ore. — Protesters complaining about unfair labor practices and overpriced shoes descended on Nike stores Saturday in what organizers called an "international day of solidarity" with the company's workers.

In Nike's home state of Oregon, about 200 people marched and chanted outside the shoemaker's Niketown store. The protesters brought a 20-foot tall puppet of Nike Chairman Phil Knight.

Most of the signs read: "Sweatshops dehumanize. Let workers organize."

The rally was part of an international protest that organizers said was staged in more than a dozen U.S. cities and in Europe and Australia.

The world's largest manufacturer of athletic shoes and clothing repeatedly has been criticized for working conditions at the company's Asian factories.

Police chief 'wants' unemployment line

From Associated Press

HAMILTON, Bermuda — Having secured a top job on an island many consider a paradise, Jean-Jacques Lemay plans to make sure he doesn't keep it.

Lemay, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer who was sworn in as Bermuda's Commissioner of Police this week, said one of his priorities was to groom a Bermuda native to take over the job in three years.

Presidents meet

GABORONE, Botswana — South African President Nelson Mandela met privately Saturday with newly inaugurated President Festus Mogae, Mandela's spokesman said.

Mogae, 58, took over earlier this month from President Ketumile Masire, 73, who stepped down from office to bolster ruling party chances in 1999 elections.

No other details about the meeting were immediately available.

Muslims kill 13 Hindus

JAMMU, India — Muslim militants struck in a remote mountainous village in restive Kashmir, killing 13 Hindus, police said today.

Militants attacked the village of Prankote, the winter capital of Jammu-Kashmir state, on Saturday during a battle with Indian security forces in nearby jungles, said Gurbachan Jagat, the state police chief.

Police rushed reinforcements to Prankote, 155 miles northeast of Jammu, after the killings of 13 people from two families, Jagat said.

The local village chief trekked for hours from the remote area to inform the nearest police station about the incident, Jagat told The Associated Press. There is no road linking the village to nearby towns.

China releases another dissident

BEIJING (AP) — Wang Dan, a jailed leader of the 1989 Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protests, was released Sunday and flew to the United States for medical treatment, his mother said.

Wang, 29, is the second leading Chinese dissident released for medical reasons in the past six months. Wei Jingsheng, the most prominent critic of the government and a former Nobel Peace Prize nominee, was released from jail in November and sent to the United States.

The official Xinhua News Agency said Wang was released on medical parole but did not give any details. Wang has suffered for months with a throat infection and headaches that his family believes may indicate a brain tumor.

His mother, Wang Linyun, said she saw her son briefly before he boarded an airplane bound for the United States, adding that she did not know his exact destination.

"He's ill. He looked the same as he has for a while," she said in a telephone interview.

Wang's release comes two months before a planned visit to China by President Clinton, which Beijing has been eagerly anticipating.

Chinese leaders have released dissidents before such high-level visits in the past in an effort to improve relations with the United States, prompting human rights groups to accuse them of playing "hostage politics."

China has been encouraging dissidents to go abroad, hoping they will lose their political effectiveness.

Ulster Unionists OK peace accord

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — One party has settled its argument about Northern Ireland's peace agreement, but another key party has only begun to fight about whether to embrace compromise.

And the larger, emotionally charged struggle for votes in the May 22 referendum has more than a month to run.

The Ulster Unionist Party, the main political voice

of the Protestant majority, endorsed the agreement Saturday with a 72 percent "yes" vote.

Jubilant party leader David Trimble spoke of being on the brink of a new era in which "everybody in Northern Ireland can share together in local administation and enjoy together our position as part of the United Kingdom."

But at the Sinn Fein convention in Dublin, the

party allied with the Irish Republican Army got started on a deeply divisive debate.

"We are not going to be bounced into decisions at this critical juncture of our struggle," Adams said, announcing a two-week review of the document before the party's conference reconvenes.

Nonetheless, Adams congratulated Trimble for winning the Ulster Unionist vote.

Khmer Rouge trying to burnish image

CHONG SA-NGAM, Thailand (AP) — The remnants of the Khmer Rouge guerrilla army are attempting an image makeover following Pol Pot's death by preparing for a possible merger with another armed faction and the removal of their current leader, Ta Mok, Thai military officials said today.

Meanwhile, in Bangkok, U. S. Ambas-

sador to the United Nations Bill Richardson said the U.S. and Thailand were cooperating in trying to bring Ta Mok and lesser-known but equally bloodstained rebel leaders to justice.

"We're all going to make major efforts to find these individuals and bring them to justice," Richardson said after meeting Thai Foreign Minister Surin Pitsuwan. Holdouts in the revolutionary group apparently believe that with the notorious Pol Pot dead, the international community will be more willing to accept other Khmer Rouge chieftains if they adopt a different banner.

Pol Pot, 73, was cremated Saturday just across the Thai border inside Cambodia, dashing hopes he might be caught.

Work earns Cruise an award

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — He's good-looking, a fine actor — and a friend to fellow artists.

Tom Cruise was honored Friday night with the John Huston Award for his advocacy of artists' rights.

The award, established by the Artists Rights Foundation in 1993 in memory of director John Huston, recognizes individuals who exhibit "courage, vision and service" on behalf of artists.

"He's handsome, he's sexy, he's young, he's rich, he's talented, he's a good father,

he's a good husband, he's a good friend and he is a collaborative supporter (and) actor on the set," said Rob Reiner, who directed Cruise in *A Few Good Men*.

Faces 'n' places

The honoree is selected by the foundation's board of directors, comprised of directors, actors, writers, cinematographers and others involved in filmmaking. The board announced in February that it had selected Cruise.

Cruise is a trustee of the foundation, which was created in 1991 by the Directors Guild of America. This was the fifth year the award was given.

Speaking out for diet

Jerry Mathers doesn't mind all the compliments about his slimmer physique, though it wasn't vanity that finally got him on a diet.

"My doctor told me to lose weight or die," the *Leave it to Beaver* star said during a recent stop in the Phoenix area.

Crocodile lurking in storm drain

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — A sixfoot crocodile has been spotted lurking in a storm water drain near a neighborhood where a teen-age girl was mauled in February, police said today.

The crocodile was noticed Saturday on the banks of a drain running off a creek in the suburb of Westcourt, police Sgt. Trevor Crawford said.

The man who spotted the croc threw a rock at the reptile and it fled into the drain, part of a system that led into the inner-city area, he said.

The sighting came after Department of Environment officers removed another six-foot saltwater crocodile from the same area on Friday.

"That scared me. I suffered no symptoms, and I felt good. I just saw it as a few extra pounds."

His solution got him a gig as a spokesman for Jenny Craig Weight Loss Centers, which he says have helped him lose 40 pounds since May.

A star for Jimmy Stewart

Nearly 10 months after his death, Jimmy Stewart's children were on hand as the actor's Hollywood Walk of Fame star was dedicated at the famous corner of Hollywood & Vine.

Kelly Stewart Harcourt and Michael McLean on Friday were presented replicas of their father's sidewalk star, which was one of the original 1,500 stars on the Walk of Fame and was never formally dedicated.

An exceptional guest

Arthur Miller doesn't often attend public events, even those in his honor.

The 82-year-old Pulitzer Prize-winner for *Death of a Salesman* made an exception for the University of Evansville in Evansville, Ind.

An English professor's decision in 1990 to send Miller a copy of the university's small poetry journal — The Formalist — might have paved the way to get the playwright to attend the Arthur Miller Symposium this weekend.

"I sent him a copy just because I admired him so much," said William Baer, who organized the symposium.

Miller liked the journal and even became a member of The Formalist's advisory board.

Dole campaigns again in Kansas

HALSTEAD, Kan. (AP) — The Bob Dole campaign is still chugging through Kansas.

The former Republican presidential candidate has launched a popular thank-you tour of his home state to show his appreciation to fans who supported his four-decade political career.

Since January, the former senator has been making periodic two- and three-day trips around the state, stopping in coffee shops, schools and just walking around town, thanking all those who have stood by him.

Cheering crowds waving red, white and blue banners often line the parade routes wherever he's appeared. Dole has already visited 28 towns in 14 of the state's 105 counties.

Dole has been showered with luncheons and high school bands playing "Stand Up and Cheer" and teenage girls gushing about how they loved him on "Saturday Night Live."

"He's the kind that wears well," said Sam Sturm, a judge who graduated from law school with Dole. "The more you know him, the greater he becomes."

His visits are informal, and sometimes he stops in the middle of a speech to wave to an old classmate or to a campaign volunteer. Dole, who turns 75 in July, seems more casual and approachable these days.

In The Stars and Stripes

10 years ago

April 19, 1988 — The U.S. Navy attacked six Iranian ships in the Persian Gulf after Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci chastised Iran for its "foolhardy" decision to escalate fighting in the region.

20 years ago

April 19, 1978 — A search for the body of former Italian prime minister Aldo Moro northeast of Rome was triggered by a message from the Red Army Brigade.

30 years ago

April 19, 1968— The FBI charged Eric Starvo Galt with conspiracy in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It was the first time any conspiracy had been officially mentioned in the civil rights leaderís assassination.

40 years ago

April 19, 1958 —A treason indictment against American poet Ezra Pound, 72, was dismissed after his doctor submitted an affidavit stating he was incurably insane.

50 years ago

April 19, 1948 — The Philadelphia Athletics defeated the Boston Red Sox 5-4 after the Sox hit three consecutive home runs opening day at Boston's Fenway Park.

Manning goes to Colts; Leaf to Chargers

NEW YORK (AP) — Peyton Manning is finally No. 1.

Randy Moss, however, fell all the way to No. 21, before the Vikings decided his talent was worth the risk.

Manning, who entered Tennessee four years ago with hopes of winning a Heisman Trophy and a national championship, did neither in college. But he was chosen first in the NFL draft on Saturday, picked by the Indianapolis Colts in a close call over fellow quarterback Ryan Leaf.

"I realize the pressure," said Manning, whose father, Archie, was taken No. 2 overall in 1971 and spent 12 of his 14 NFL season on a losing team in New Orleans. "But I think it's exciting to be a part of going in and trying to make a turnaround."

Manning would have been first last year, had he come out then.

The rest of the top four went as expect-

Glanville should have stuck to gridiron PHOENIX (AP) — Former NFL

PHOENIX (AP) — Former NFL coach Jerry Glanville broke four ribs and his left ankle Saturday when he wrecked his car during a qualifying run for the NASCAR Winston West Phoenix 150 stock car race.

He was listed in fair condition Saturday night at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, where he underwent a CAT scan for a possible head injury, hospital officials said.

Glanville, driving a Ford Thunderbird, made contact with the track's third-turn wall. The car sustained heavy left-side damage.

The 56-year-old Roswell, Ga., resident was transported to the Phoenix International Raceway care center for examination and then was transferred to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Glanville, who was reported to be awake and alert when he left the track by ambulance, will miss two races Sunday.

His first lap in the Thunderbird got that car into the Winston West field. He had earlier qualified 31st for the Craftsman Truck race that is the main event of the race weekend. ed: Leaf was chosen second by San Diego; Florida State defensive end Andre Wadsworth, third by Arizona; and cornerback Charles Woodson, the Heisman winner, fourth by Oakland as the 30 teams went through the first three rounds.

Moss, a 6-foot-5 wide receiver with a history of trouble off the field, originally was expected to go in the top five. Instead, he slid down to 21st, past New Orleans at 7 and Dallas at 8 until he was chosen by Minnesota.

After the Raiders took Woodson, the Chicago Bears, who wanted to trade down, took Curtis Enis, the Penn State running back, even though the Bears are deep at that position.

St. Louis, which might have taken Enis, went for defensive end Grant Wistrom of Nebraska; New Orleans took offensive lineman Kyle Turley of San Diego State; and Dallas took defensive end Greg Ellis of North Carolina.



AP

Ryan Leaf (left) and Peyton Manning celebrate their selection as the top picks in this year's NFL draft. Manning, who played for Tennessee, was the No. 1 overall pick and went to the Indianapolis Colts. Leaf, chosen 2nd, went from Washington State to San Diego.

Wizards stay alive — barely

WASHINGTON — Chris Webber had 27 points and 13 rebounds Saturday night and the Washington Wizards kept alive their slim playoff hopes with a 112-95 victory over the Boston Celtics.

One week ago, the Wizards were four games out of the final Eastern Conference playoff spot with four games to play. They have since beaten New York, Cleveland, Miami and Boston, while eighth-place New Jersey has lost three straight.

The Wizards, who ended an eight-year playoff drought last season by beating Cleveland on the last day of the season, will return to the postseason only if the Nets lose to Detroit and Orlando falls to Charlotte today..

Cavaliers 96, Pacers 92

CLEVELAND — Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 26 points and Shawn Kemp had 18 points and 15 rebounds as Cleveland beat Indiana in a preview of their first-round playoff series.

Jalen Rose had 26 points and Travis Best added 21 for Indiana.

Cleveland, returning to the playoffs after missing them last year for the first time under coach Mike Fratello, finished 47-35 — five wins better than last year.

The teams meet Thursday night in Indianapolis.

Bulls 111, Knicks 109

CHICAGO — Michael Jordan scored 44 points and moved toward his 10th NBA scoring title as Chicago rallied in the final quarter to defeat the depleted Knicks.

Jordan began Saturday night with a narrow edge over Shaquille O'Neal of the Lakers in the scoring race and boosted his average to 28.7.

Timberwolves 111, Bucks 109

MILWAUKEE — Tom Hammonds hit a turning, fadeaway jumper from the baseline as time expired to give Minnesota the victory.

Ray Allen had a career-high 40 points, but it wasn't enough for Milwaukee, which is headed for its seventh straight trip to the NBA draft lottery.

Clippers 83, Kings 77

ANAHEIM, Calif. — James Robinson scored 20 points and Isaac Austin had his best rebounding game as a Clipper with 15 as Los Angeles snapped a season-worst 10-game losing streak.

Warriors 112, Grizzlies 100

OAKLAND, Calif. — Erick Dampier and Tony Delk each had 23 points as Golden State completed its dismal season.

Stars see trophy in their future

By Associated Press

DALLAS — Joe Nieuwendyk's power-



play goal with 12:29 remaining broke a tie and the Dallas Stars went on to clinch the Presidents' Trophy for the league's highest point total with a 3-1 victory over the Chicago

Blackhawks on Saturday.

The Stars, who started the day tied with New Jersey, hold the tie-breaker.

Avalanche 4, Red Wings 3

DENVER — Peter Forsberg's goal with 40.7 seconds remaining capped a

Yanks humble

Detroit 8-3

By Associated Press

DETROIT — While Yankee Stadium was closed for repairs on its 75th birth-day, the Yankees won again in the Tigers' ancient ballpark.

Bernie Williams and Tino Martinez drove in two runs apiece as New York won its 12th straight in Tiger Stadium Saturday,

Blue Jays 9, White Sox 4

TORONTO — Jose Canseco hit his seventh home run and Pat Hentgen rebounded from one of the worst starts of his career as Toronto won consecutive games for the first time this season.

Indians 7, Red Sox 4

BOSTON — Omar Vizquel doubled home the tie-breaking run in Cleveland's four-run ninth, handing the Boston its first home loss this year.

Athletics 3, Royals 2

OAKLAND, Calif. — Light-hitting Rafael Bournigal connected for a threerun homer and Kenny Rogers pitched seven strong innings as the Oakland beat Kansas City.

Orioles 10, Rangers 8

ARLINGTON, Texas — B.J. Surhoff drove in three runs and Cal Ripken had three hits as Baltimore stopped a threegame losing streak and ended Texas' five-game winning string.

Mariners 5, Twins 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Alex Rodriguez went 4-for-4 with a homer and triple and scored three runs.

wild finish and lifted Colorado Avalanche over Detroit.

The Avalanche open the playoffs this week as the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference, Detroit is the No. 3 seed.

Capitals 4, Hurricanes 3

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Peter Bondra scored his 50th goal with 8:37 remaining as Washington kept alive its drive for home-ice advantage in the playoffs.

Penguins 5, Bruins 2

PITTSBURGH — Martin Straka scored three goals and Jaromir Jagr se-

cured his second NHL scoring title with a goal and an assist to lead the Pittsburgh Penguins over the Boston Bruins.

Mighty Ducks 4, Kings 1

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — The Anaheim Mighty Ducks got all their goals from rookies, including Mike Crowley's first in the NHL.

Rangers 2, Flyers 1

PHILADELPHIA — Alexei Kovalev and Adam Graves scored and Mike Richter made 31 saves as New York closed out its season with a victory.

Cubs extend win mark

By Associated Press

CHICAGO — Rookie Kerry Wood pitched five shutout innings for his first major league win, and hit an RBI single during an eight-run first inning off Hideo Nomo as the Chicago Cubs beat Los Angeles 8-1 Saturday.

Wood (1-1), the Cubs' No. 1 pick in the June 1995 draft, gave up four hits and struck out seven.

The 20-year-old right-hander, considered one of baseball's top pitching prospects in recent years, was called up from Triple-A Iowa on April 12.

All of Chicago's runs came against Nomo (1-2), who retired only two batters in the shortest start of his career. Padres 7, Pirates 5, 10 innings

PITTSBURGH — San Diego scored two runs in the 10th on third baseman Doug Strange's double error, and the Padres won for the 11th time in 12 games.

Cardinals 6, Phillies 5

ST. LOUIS — Royce Clayton and

John Mabry each hit two doubles and drove in two runs as St. Louis gave Philadelphia its fourth straight loss.

Brewers 3, Giants 1

MILWAUKEE — Jeff Cirillo hit a two-run homer as the Brewers won their third straight..

Mets 5, Reds 4, 10 innings

CINCINNATI — New York scored an unearned run on third baseman Willie Greene's throwing error in the 10th inning.

Braves 11, Rockies 4

DENVER — Chipper Jones hit his eighth home run and Denny Neagle pitched a seven-hitter to lead Atlanta over Colorado for its fourth straight win.

Diamondbacks 7, Marlins 5

PHOENIX — Jay Bell and Karim Garcia homered during a four-run Arizona rally in the seventh inning.

Rose will make Fox-y comments

NEW YORK (AP) — Pete Rose, banned from baseball for gambling, was hired by Fox Sports Net to be a guest co-host on its nightly sports commentary show.

Rose will team with controversial radio personality Jim Rome on *The*

Last Word on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights in place of regular co-host Wallace Matthews.

Rose, baseball's career hits leader, agreed to a lifetime ban from the sport on Aug. 23, 1989. The ban has excluded Rose from

the Hall of Fame because players under suspension cannot be listed on the ballot.

Rose, who agreed to accept the ban following baseball's investigation of his gambling, applied for reinstatement last September.